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1. The Matern School in Moscow was founded by the German Communist politician Hermann Matern. Supervision of the educational program is carried out by Frau Dr. Bobeck.
2. The length of the course of instruction is ordinarily twelve months. The curriculum includes administration, management, culture, and politics. Although the Communist element is given precedence throughout the study, in the first hours of the course a pronouncedly German nationalist tendency is expressed.
3. Students are drawn primarily from among German emigrants and German officers, especially those who have had intelligence training. Political attitude counts for little. Many former Nazis, including former Hitler Jugend leaders, are among the students from the officer circles. For example, the present Burgermeister of Bautzen, a former high-ranking Hitler Jugend leader, was a student at the Matern School. In the recruiting of students from among officers, German Communists go into the PW camps and learn the identity of the former intelligence personnel who are now there. Then they contact these individuals and seek to persuade them to enter one of the four departments of study. At the same time, they intimate that recruits will receive more food and fewer work details.

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